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APPLICANT: Joseph Sforzo, et al.  
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby request that the time to respond to the Office Action dated April 3, 2006 be extended one month, i.e., until August 3, 2006. A check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed to cover the fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Response was mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Alexandria, VA, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2006.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thos A O'Rourke", written over a horizontal line.

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